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"The BEAUTY CONTEST of the AGES!"
LOOK WHO'S TALKING... CLEOPATRA, THE OLD HAG OF THE NILE!
HMPH!... HELEN OF TROY! AREN'T YOU A LITTLE TOO OLD FOR A BEAUTY CONTEST?
GIRLS!... STOP IT! THIS BICKERING OF YOURS WILL DOOM ME!

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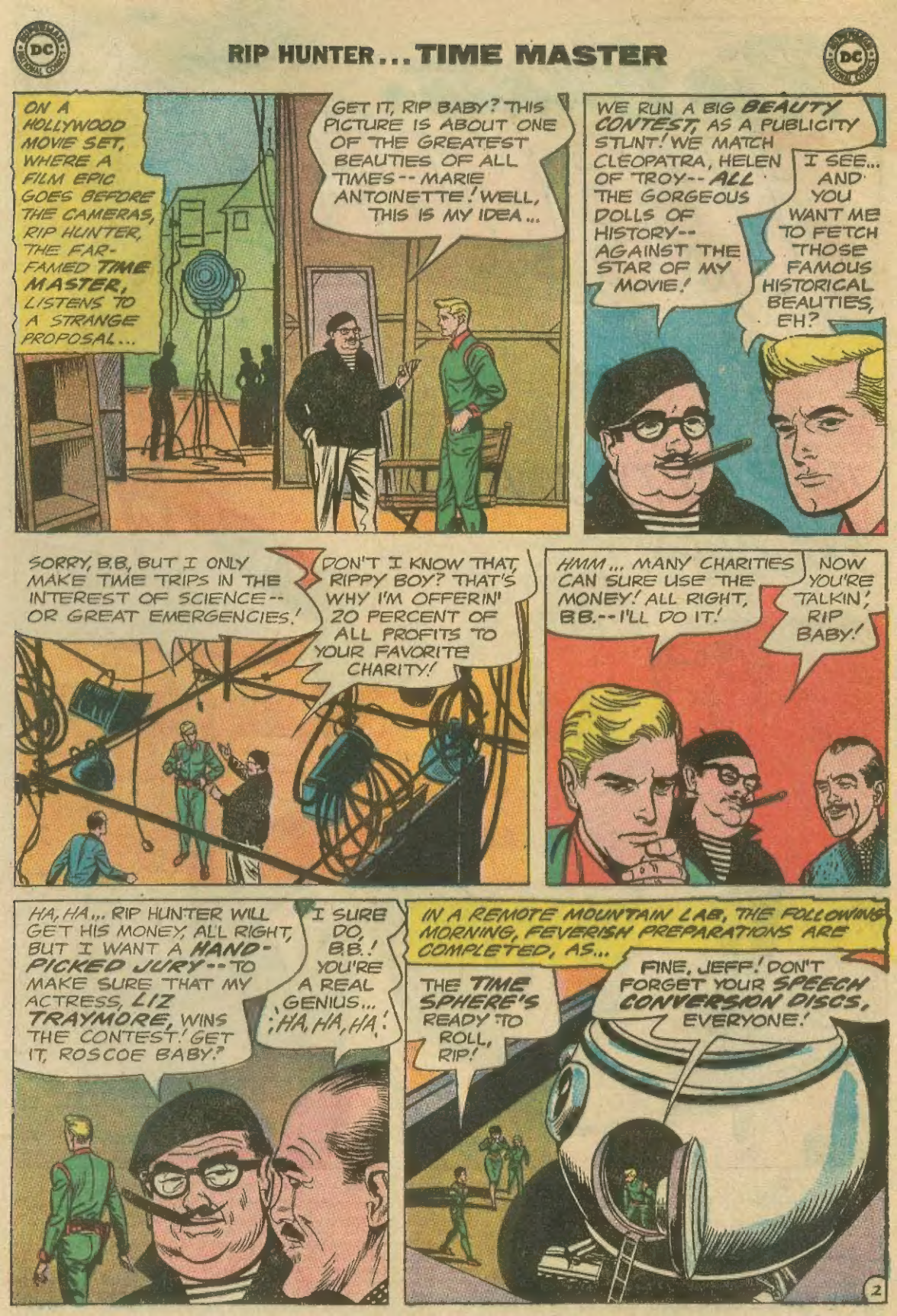
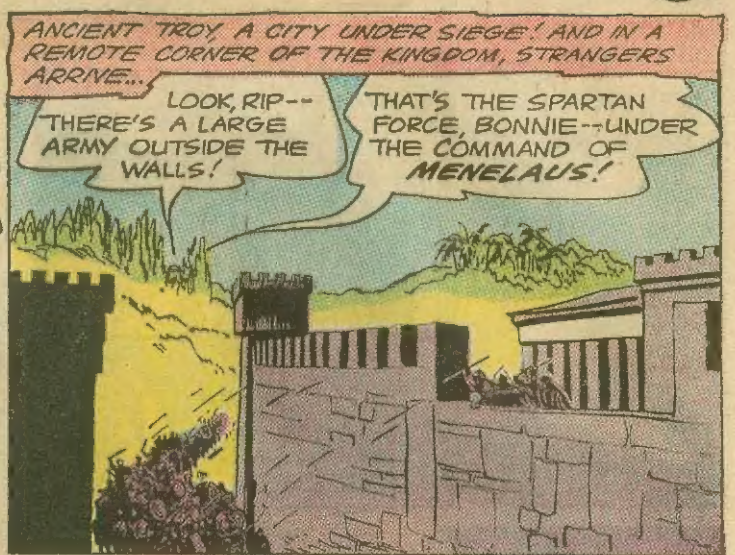
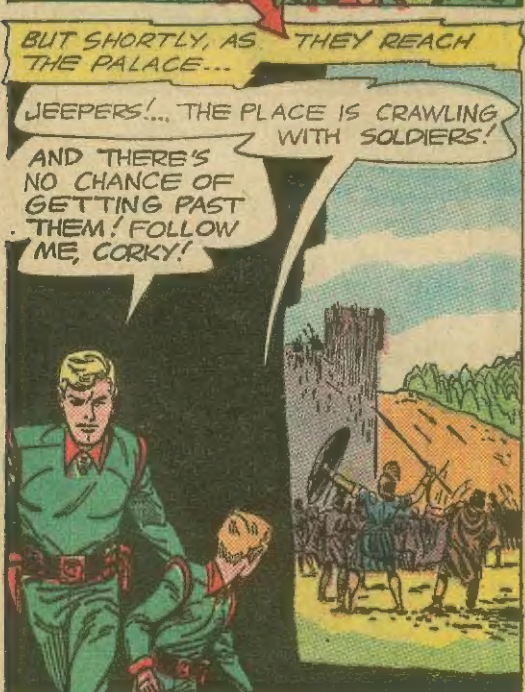
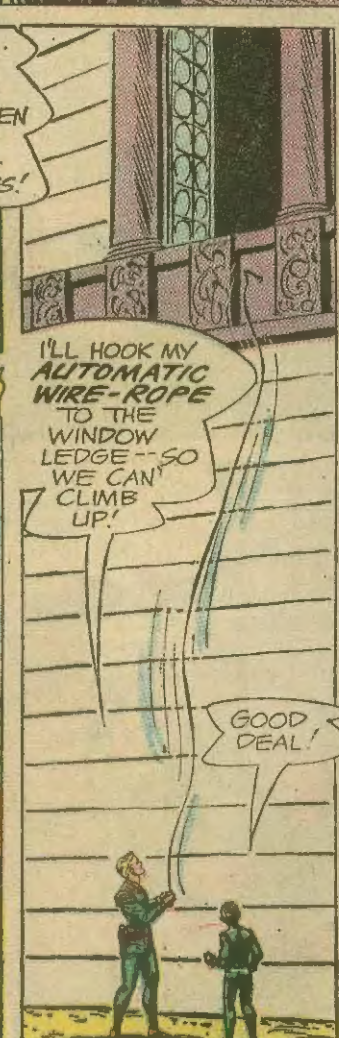

ON A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE SET, WHERE A FILM EPIC GOES BEFORE THE CAMERAS, RIP HUNTER, THE FAR-FAMED TIME MASTER, LISTENS TO A STRANGE PROPOSAL...
GET IT, RIP BABY? THIS PICTURE IS ABOUT ONE OF THE GREATEST BEAUTIES OF ALL TIMES -- MARIE ANTOINETTE! WELL, THIS IS MY IDEA...
WE RUN A BIG BEAUTY CONTEST, AS A PUBLICITY STUNT! WE MATCH CLEOPATRA, HELEN OF TROY -- ALL THE GORGEOUS DOLLS OF HISTORY -- AGAINST THE STAR OF MY MOVIE!
I SEE... AND YOU WANT ME TO FETCH THOSE FAMOUS HISTORICAL BEAUTIES, EH?
SORRY, B.B., BUT I ONLY MAKE TIME TRIPS IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE -- OR GREAT EMERGENCIES!
DON'T I KNOW THAT, RIPPY BOY? THAT'S WHY I'M OFFERIN' 20 PERCENT OF ALL PROFITS TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY!
HMM... MANY CHARITIES CAN SURE USE THE MONEY! ALL RIGHT, B.B. -- I'LL DO IT!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN', RIP BABY!
HA, HA... RIP HUNTER WILL GET HIS MONEY, ALL RIGHT, BUT I WANT A HAND-PICKED JURY -- TO MAKE SURE THAT MY ACTRESS, LIZ TRAYMORE, WINS THE CONTEST! GET IT, ROSCOE BABY?
I SURE DO, B.B.! YOU'RE A REAL GENIUS... HA, HA, HA!
IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN LAB, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, FEVERISH PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETED, AS...
THE TIME SPHERE'S READY TO ROLL, RIP!
FINE, JEFF! DON'T FORGET YOUR SPEECH CONVERSION DISCS, EVERYONE!

THE HATCH CLANGS SHUT, GIANT ELECTRONIC MOTORS HUM... AND ANOTHER TIME TRIP IS UNDERWAY!
WHO'S THE FIRST CONTESTANT, RIP?
HELEN OF TROY, CORKY... SHE LIVED AROUND 1200 B.C.!


ANCIENT TROY A CITY UNDER SIEGE! AND IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE KINGDOM, STRANGERS ARRIVE...
LOOK, RIP-- THERE'S A LARGE ARMY OUTSIDE THE WALLS!
THAT'S THE SPARTAN FORCE, BONNIE--UNDER THE COMMAND OF MENELAUS!

JEFF--YOU AND BONNIE STAND GUARD HERE, WHILE CORKY AND I PICK UP HELEN!
YIPPEE! WHAT A BREAK FOR ME--IF HELEN RESEMBLES HER HISTORY-BOOK PICTURES!


BUT SHORTLY, AS THEY REACH THE PALACE...
JEEPERS!... THE PLACE IS CRAWLING WITH SOLDIERS!
AND THERE'S NO CHANCE OF GETTING PAST THEM! FOLLOW ME, CORKY!


I'LL HOOK MY AUTOMATIC WIRE-ROPE TO THE WINDOW LEDGE--SO WE CAN CLIMB UP!
GOOD DEAL!

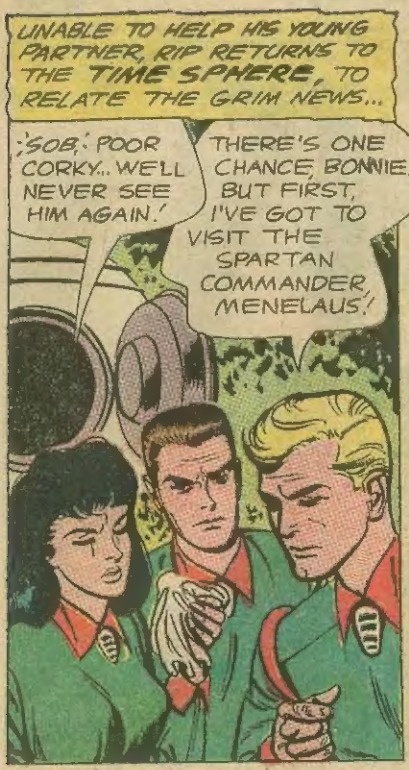
SHORTLY...
I SHALL DIE IN THIS PRISON! WILL MENELAUS NEVER RESCUE ME?
A FEMALE VOICE... THAT'S HELEN ALL RIGHT, CORKY! MENELAUS WAS HER HUSBAND, BEFORE SHE WAS CAPTURED BY PARIS, THE LEADER OF THE TROJANS!

AS THE DARING DUO BOLDLY ENTERS HELEN'S CHAMBERS...
HOW DARE YOU?... SUMMON THE GUARDS!
WAIT, HELEN! FIRST LET ME SPEAK!
AFTER RIP REVEALS THE REASON FOR HIS VISIT...
A--A BEAUTY CONTEST? I WOULD LOVE TO ENTER IT-- AND I AM SURE I WOULD WIN! BUT WHAT'S THE USE?... THAT JEALOUS TYRANT, PARIS, EVEN REFUSES TO LET ME WALK IN THE COURT-YARD!

JUST THEN, A HOARSE CRY OF RAGE, FOLLOWED BY...
PARIS!
SO!... MENELAUS HAS SENT YOU TO RE-CAPTURE HIS QUEEN, EH? KILL THEM, SOLDIERS!

WHIZ-Z-Z
WHIZ-Z-Z
GET A MOVE ON, CORKY-- OUT THE WINDOW!

BUT BEFORE THE PLUCKY LAD CAN FOLLOW...
LET ME GO! LET ME GO!
KEEP THE LAD HOSTAGE! IT MAY FORCE THE OTHER ONE TO RETURN!

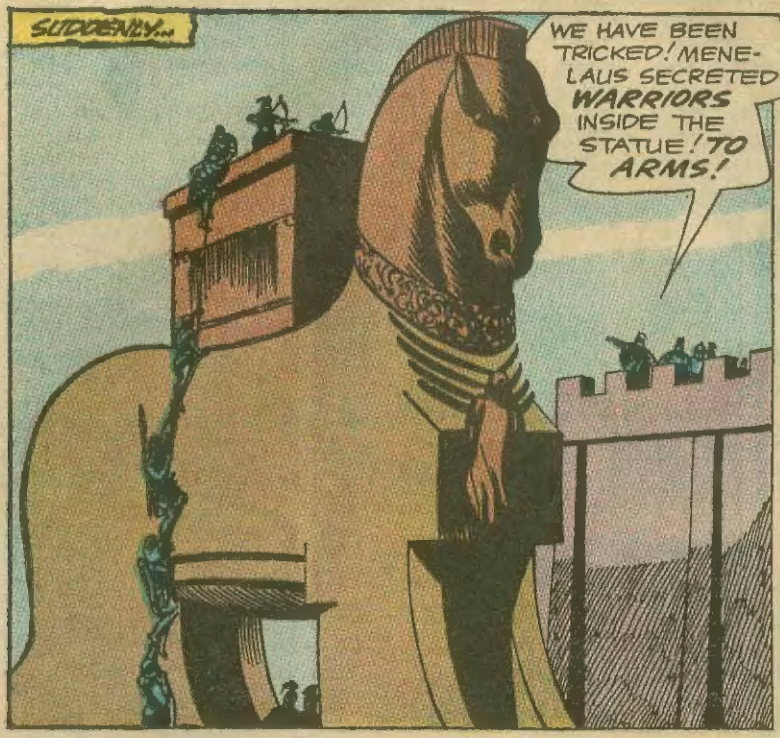


BEFORE LONG, STARTLED TROJANS GAPE IN AWE AT...

A GIANT HORSE STATUE-- BEING PULLED BY A STRANGE VEHICLE.'

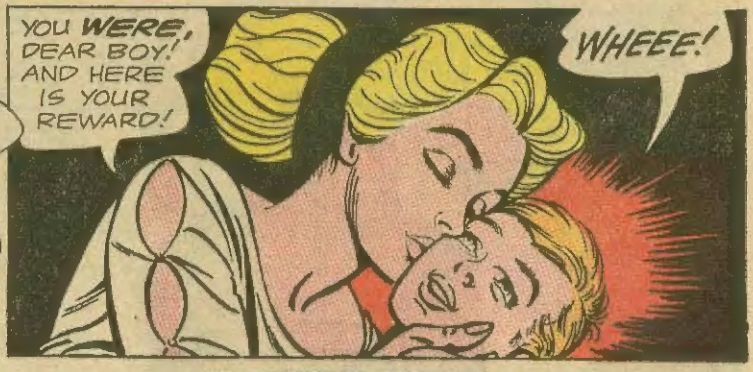
IT IS A GIFT FROM MENELAUS.'

'HA, HA.' I WILL ACCEPT THE MAGNIFICENT GIFT... BUT IF MENELAUS THINKS HE GETS HELEN IN RETURN, HE IS RAVING MAD.'


SUDDENLY...
WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED! MENELAUS SECRETED WARRIORS INSIDE THE STATUE! TO ARMS!

MEANWHILE...
COME ON, CORKY! YOU, TOO, HELEN! PARIS IS TOO BUSY TO WORRY ABOUT YOU NOW!

AND SOON, AS THE TIME SPHERE TAKES OFF WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL PASSENGER...
RIP HUNTER, I MUST REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GREAT BRAVERY!
JEEPERS! I THINK I WAS PRETTY BRAVE, TOO!


YOU WERE, DEAR BOY! AND HERE IS YOUR REWARD!
WHEEE!

WHAT'S THE NEXT STOP, RIP?
EGYPT, BONNIE -- IN 31 B.C., WHERE WE'LL PICK UP AN OLD FRIEND... CLEOPATRA!

THUS, BEFORE LONG, IN A LAVISH EGYPTIAN PALACE, A JOYFUL REUNION TAKES PLACE...
RIP! RIP HUNTER! I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN! AND MY DEAR FRIENDS, JEFF, CORKY-- AND LITTLE BONNIE!
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN--LITTLE BONNIE?

RIP--YOU HEARD ABOUT THE DEATH OF CAESAR! POOR JULIUS... I MISS HIM SO!
SHE'D BETTER NOT LET HER NEW FLAME, MARK ANTONY, HEAR THAT! HERE HE COMES!

WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS? THE MOMENT I TURN MY HEAD...
HUSH, MARK, YOU SILLY BOY! RIP HUNTER IS JUST AN OLD FRIEND! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO EGYPT, DEAR RIP?

AFTER THE TIME MASTER EXPLAINS...
A--A BEAUTY CONTEST?
ARE YOU MAD? WITH OCTAVIAN AND THE WHOLE ROMAN FLEET ON OUR DOORSTEPS, ALL YOU CAN THINK OF IS A--A BEAUTY CONTEST?

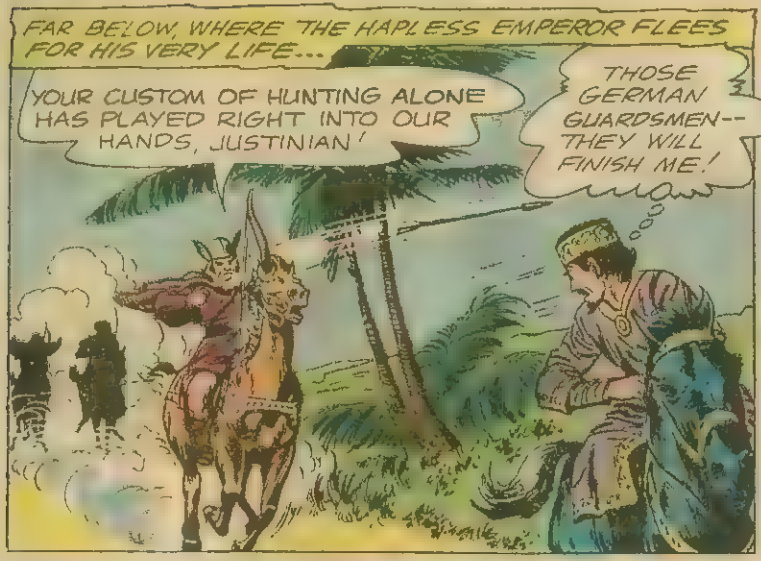
OH, MARK--YOU BRUTE! YOU DON'T CARE A THING (SOB) ABOUT POOR LITTLE ME!
HUH--?

...BUT EVERYONE LIKES TOOTSIE ROLL FUDGE BEST! IT'S CREAMY, SMOOTH, DELICIOUS!

Get some!

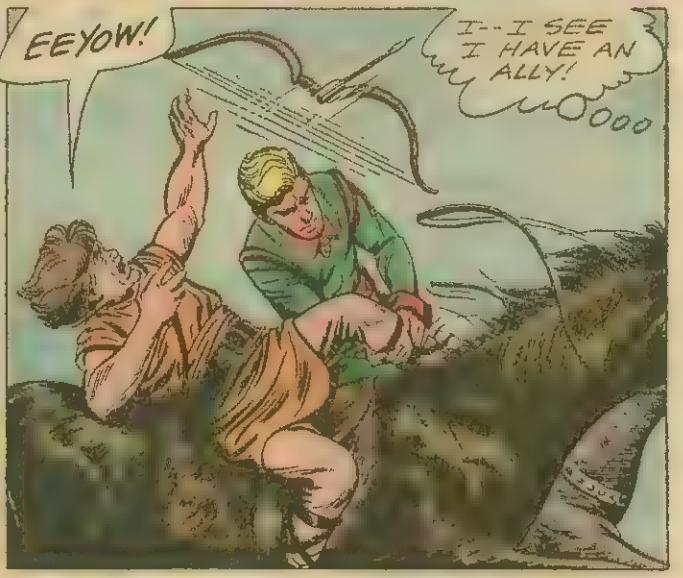
THE HUNT CONTINUES FOR THE GREATEST BEAUTIES OF ALL TIME... BUT SUDDENLY, DOOM THREATENS THE ENTIRE PROJECT-- AND RIP HUNTER'S VERY LIFE -- AS THE TIME MASTER FALLS VICTIM TO...
CHAPTER 2
THE FURY OF THE SULTAN
FOR RIDICULING THE SULTAN, YOU DIE!
THERE'S NO WAY OUT-- AND JEFF'S TOO FAR AWAY TO HELP ME!

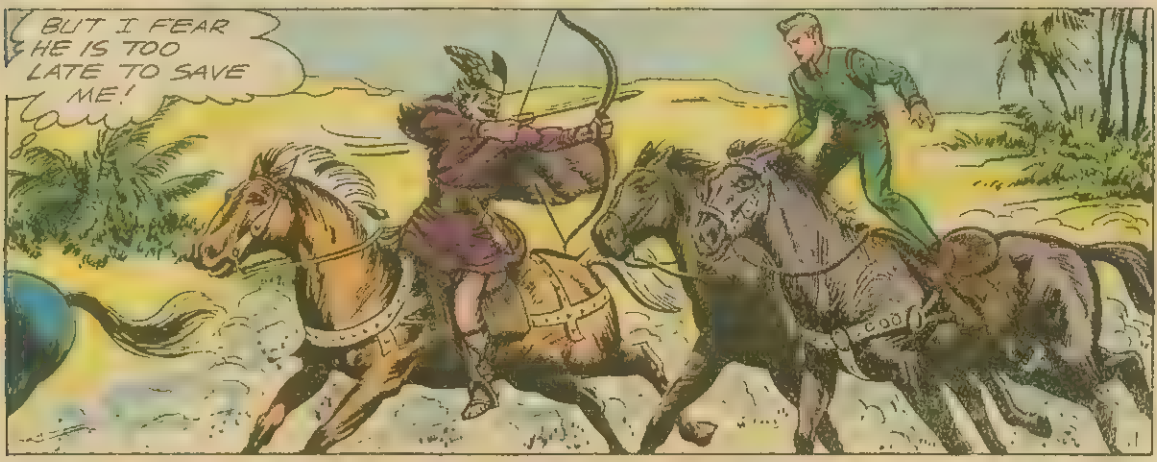
AS THE TIME SPHERE STARTS THE THIRD LAP OF ITS UNPRECEDENTED TRIP THROUGH THE PAST...
IF THIS IS ALL THE COMPETITION I CAN EXPECT, I SHALL WIN EASILY!... WHO IS SHE ANYWAY?
IF YOU WEREN'T SO OLD, MY DEAR, YOU WOULD KNOW ALL ABOUT THE IRRESISTIBLE CLEOPATRA!
OLD?? YOU DARE TO CALL ME OLD?
YOU ARE--HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLDER THAN I AM! AND FURTHERMORE...
NOW CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO! THERE'S STILL A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD OF US--SO LET'S NOT START OUT WITH A ROYAL BATTLE!
WHERE ARE WE BOUND FOR, RIP?
THE 6TH CENTURY--TO PICK UP ONE OF THE GREATEST BEAUTIES OF ALL TIME... THEODORA, WIFE OF THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN!
SOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, CAPITAL OF A VAST EMPIRE...
RIP, LOOK! FROM PICTURES I'VE SEEN, THERE'S JUSTINIAN HIMSELF--BEING CHASED BY ARMED SOLDIERS! WE'D BETTER LAND PRONTO!
NO TIME FOR THAT, JEFF! LOWER THE LADDER!

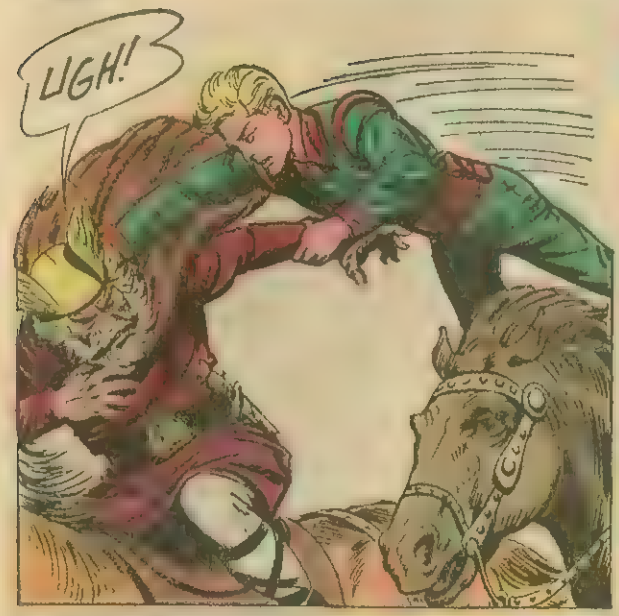

FAR BELOW, WHERE THE HAPLESS EMPEROR FLEES FOR HIS VERY LIFE...
YOUR CUSTOM OF HUNTING ALONE HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS, JUSTINIAN!
THOSE GERMAN GUARDSMEN-- THEY WILL FINISH ME!

JUST THEN...
OFF YOU GO!
OOOF!

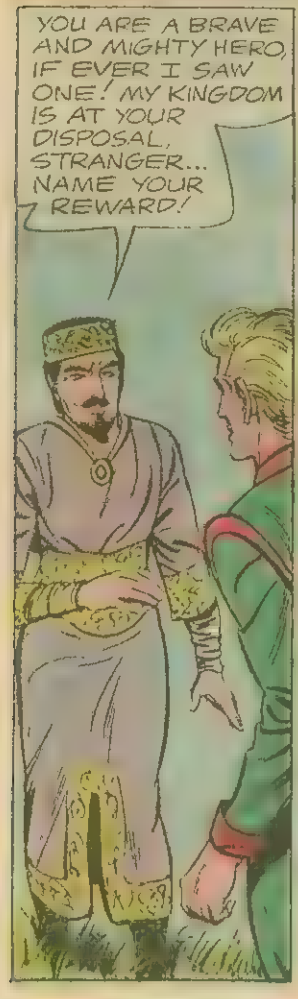
FOOL! YOU SHALL TASTE THE WRATH OF MY ARROW!

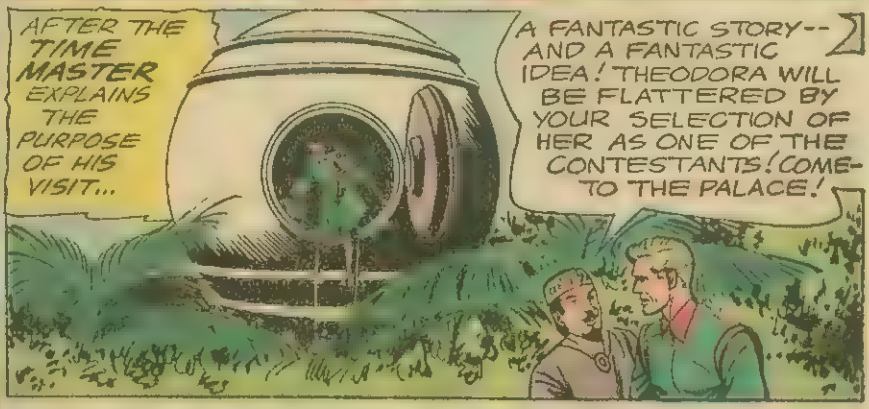

EEYOW!
I--I SEE I HAVE AN ALLY!


BUT I FEAR HE IS TOO LATE TO SAVE ME!


UGH!

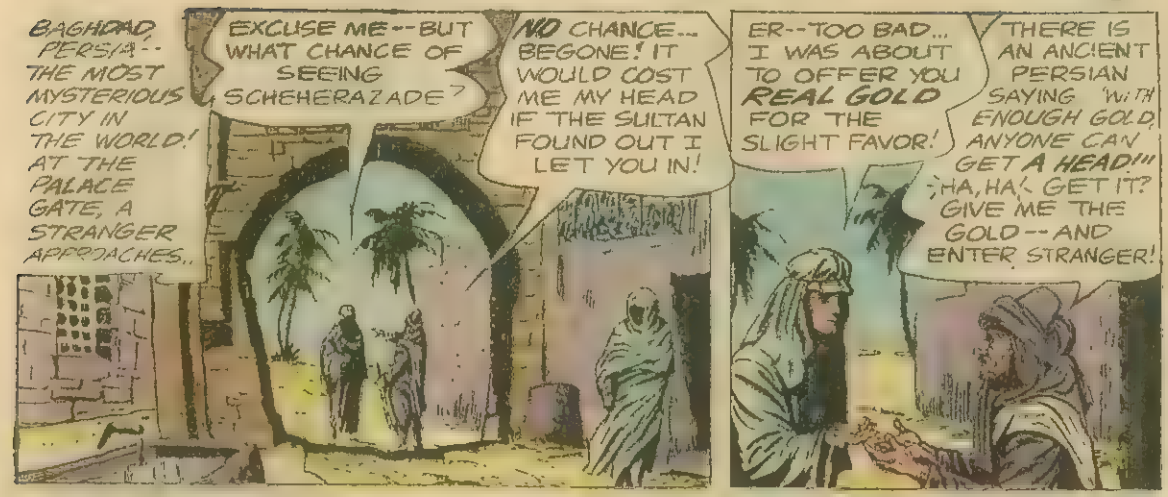
THIS SHOULD TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF YOU, PAL!
THUNK

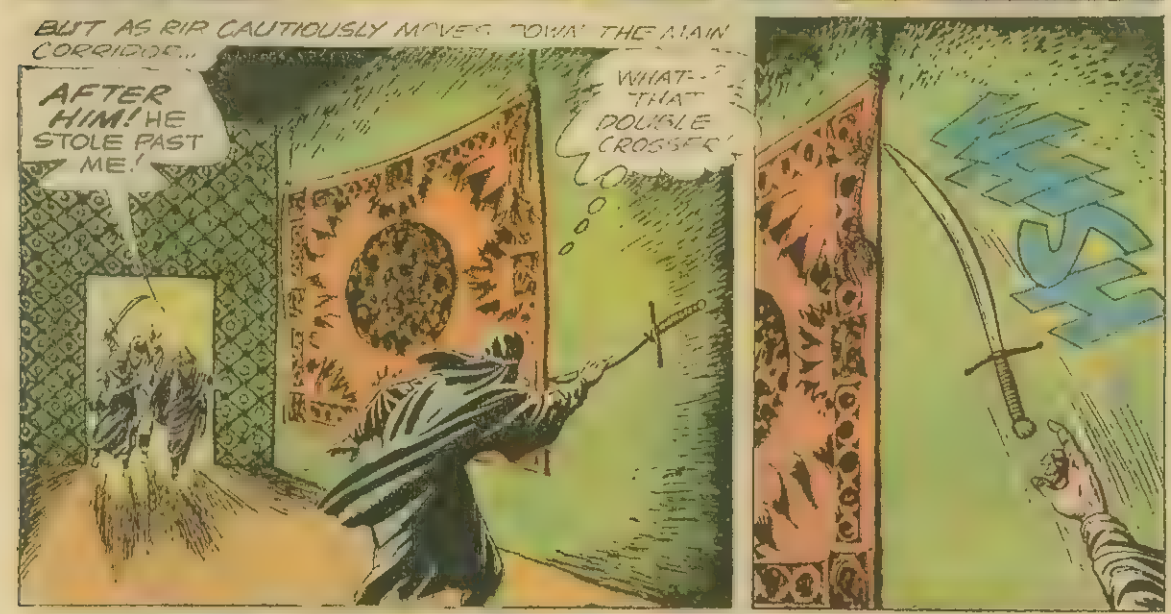

YOU ARE A BRAVE AND MIGHTY HERO, IF EVER I SAW ONE! MY KINGDOM IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL, STRANGER... NAME YOUR REWARD!

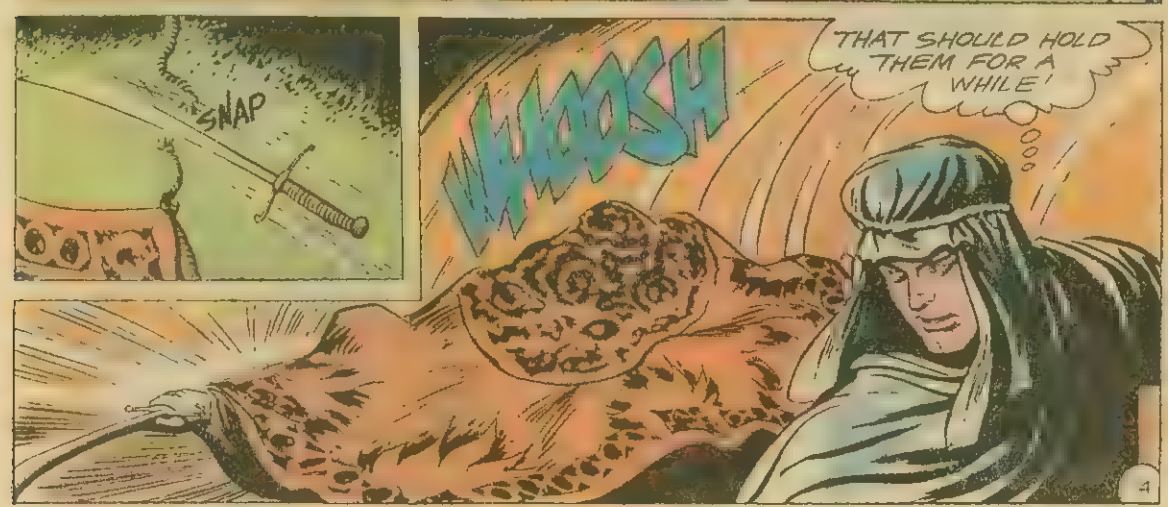

AFTER THE TIME MASTER EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT...
A FANTASTIC STORY-- AND A FANTASTIC IDEA! THEODORA WILL BE FLATTERED BY YOUR SELECTION OF HER AS ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS! COME TO THE PALACE!

BUT AFTER THE EMPEROR'S WIFE HEARS THE PROPOSAL...
SO THAT IS WHAT YOU THINK OF ME, JUSTINIAN! SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS ONCE A DANCING GIRL, YOU WANT ME TO GO ON EXHIBITION! I WON'T DO IT, I WON'T!
BUT THEODORA-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...

WHAT DON'T I UNDERSTAND?
THIS MAN SAVED MY LIFE! IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN OFFER IN RETURN! PLEASE SAY YOU WILL DO IT!
VERY WELL, JUSTINIAN, I'LL DO IT--ON ONE CONDITION! YOU MUST NAME ME EMPRESS-- AND PERMIT ME TO CO-RULE THE EMPIRE WITH YOU!
B-BUT... OH, ALL RIGHT, THEODORA!
JUST THINK... WHEN I RETURN, I SHALL POSSESS TWO TITLES--ONE AS EMPRESS, THE OTHER AS HISTORY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
YES, YES, MY DEAR! NOW GO ALONG!
EMPEROR--YOU ARE A VERY HANDSOME MAN! I WAS JUST THINKING-- PERHAPS, IF I DROPPED OFF HERE ON THE WAY BACK...
WHY... I--I-- I...
CLEOPATRA! YOU COME ALONG THIS INSTANT!
YES, YES, RIP--I WAS ONLY JOKING!
SHORTLY, AN UNEASY CALM PERVADES THE TIME SPHERE, AS THE JOURNEY RESUMES...
THE WAY THOSE GALS ARE GLARING AT EACH OTHER, THEY'RE LIABLE TO EXPLODE ANY SECOND! ARE WE HEADING FOR HOME NOW, RIP?
NO, JEFF--WE'VE GOT ONE FINAL STOPOVER... IN THE BAGHDAD OF THE YEAR 950--TO PICK UP THE PRINCESS SCHEHERAZADE!


BAGHDAD, PERSIA -- THE MOST MYSTERIOUS CITY IN THE WORLD! AT THE PALACE GATE, A STRANGER APPROACHES...
EXCUSE ME -- BUT WHAT CHANCE OF SEEING SCHEHERAZADE?
NO CHANCE... BEGONE! IT WOULD COST ME MY HEAD IF THE SULTAN FOUND OUT I LET YOU IN!
ER -- TOO BAD... I WAS ABOUT TO OFFER YOU REAL GOLD FOR THE SLIGHT FAVOR!
THERE IS AN ANCIENT PERSIAN SAYING 'WITH ENOUGH GOLD, ANYONE CAN GET A HEAD!!' HA, HA! GET IT? GIVE ME THE GOLD -- AND ENTER STRANGER!


BUT AS RIP CAUTIOUSLY MOVES DOWN THE MAIN CORRIDOR...
AFTER HIM! HE STOLE PAST ME!
WHAT -- THAT DOUBLE CROSSER!
FISH


SNAP
WHOOSH
THAT SHOULD HOLD THEM FOR A WHILE!

DROPPING HIS DISGUISE, RIP RACES TO AN ADJOINING CHAMBER, WHERE..
THE PRINCESS SCHEHERAZADE... WHERE IS SHE?
WHO CALLS MY NAME?
AFTER THE TIME MASTER EXPLAINS...
WHAT YOU SAY IS MOST FLATTERING-- AND I WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO COME! BUT ALAS-- I CANNOT!
WHY NOT?
THE CRUEL SULTAN-- HE WOULD NEVER PERMIT ME TO LEAVE!
HMM... MAYBE I COULD SNEAK YOU OUT OF HERE, SCHEHERAZADE!
BUT JUST THEN...
THE SULTAN!
I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR INTENTIONS... AND FOR THIS INSULT, YOU DIE!
GREAT THUNDER! JEFF AND THE TIME SPHERE ARE TOO FAR AWAY TO HELP ME NOW! MY ONLY HOPE IS TO TALK MY WAY OUT OF THIS!

HOLD ON, SULTAN! WHY KILL ME? I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG YET!

YOU HAVEN'T? FOOL!... I WILL SHOW YOU!

YOU HAVE INSULTED MY *REAL* FAVORITE-- OOMA! *SHE* IS THE ONE YOU SHOULD HAVE INVITED TO THE CONTEST! FOR THIS--YOU MUST DIE!

SLAY HIM!

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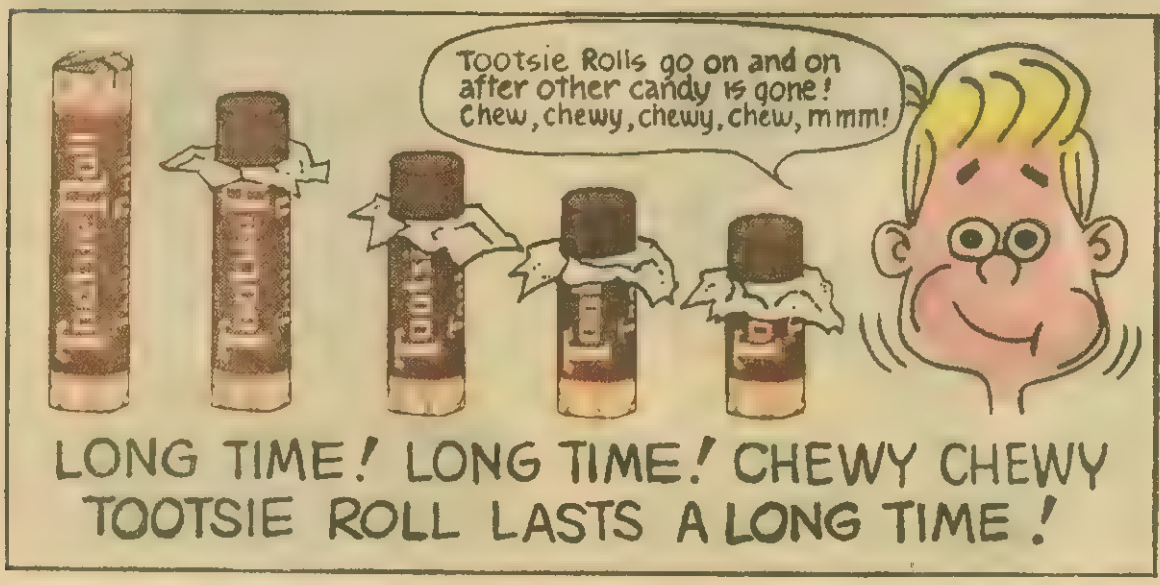
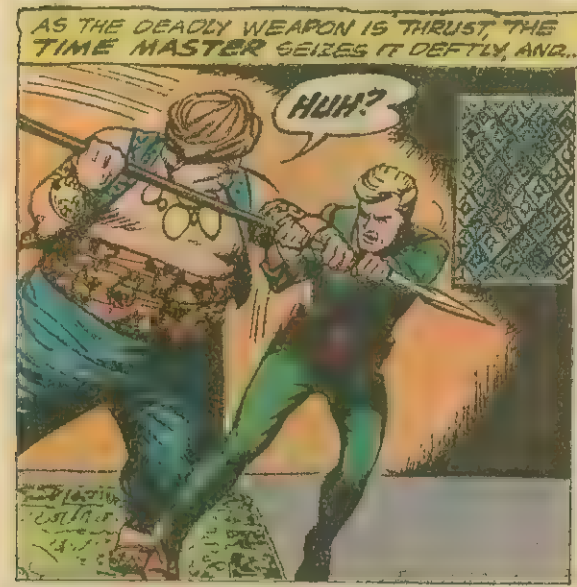
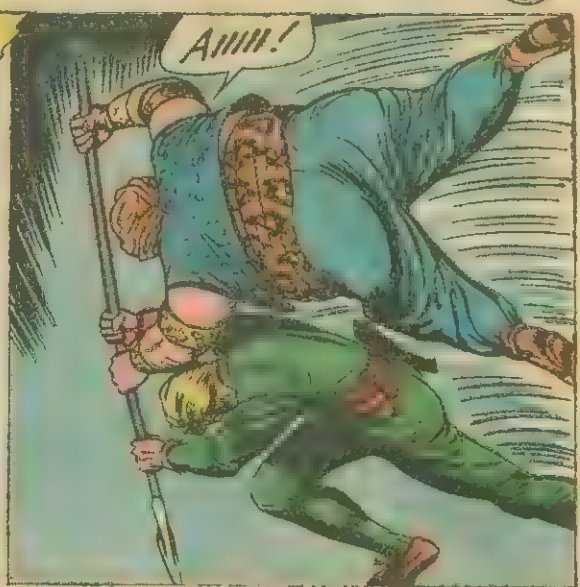


YOU MIGHT THINK EVEN A FIXED JURY WOULD HAVE A TOUGH TIME SELECTING THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL AMONG THE ASSEMBLED CONTESTANTS! YET, THE JURY'S TASK TURNS OUT TO BE SIMPLE INDEED, AS THEY PICK...

CHAPTER 3

THE MYSTERY WINNER


AS THE DEADLY WEAPON IS THRUST, THE TIME MASTER SEIZES IT DEFTLY, AND..
HUH?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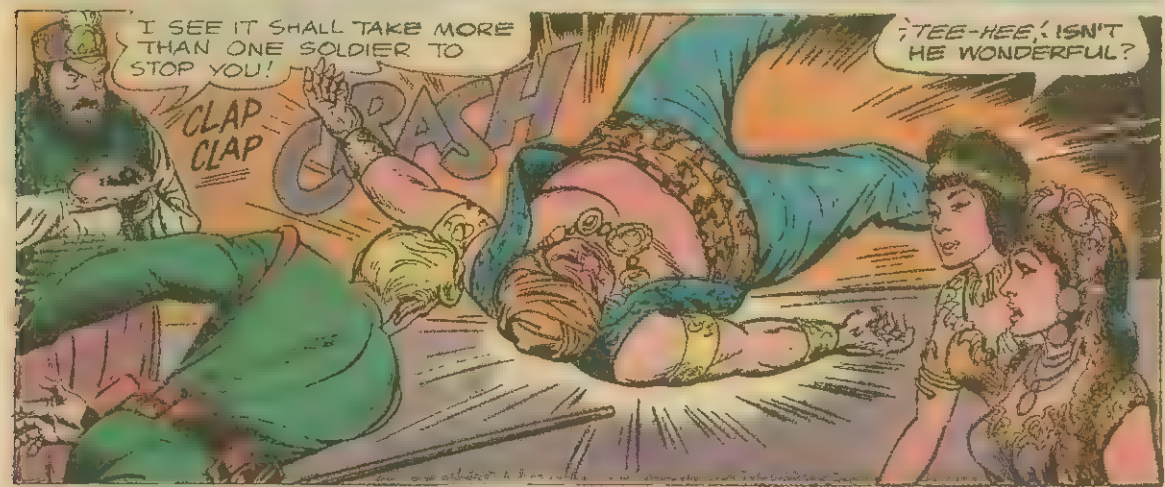
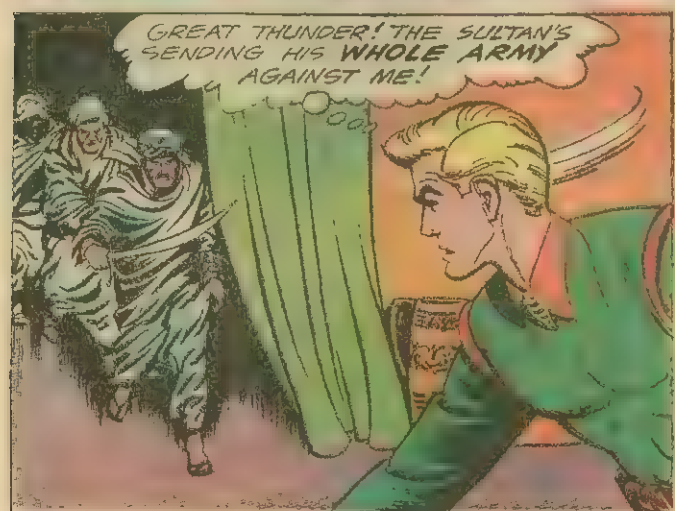
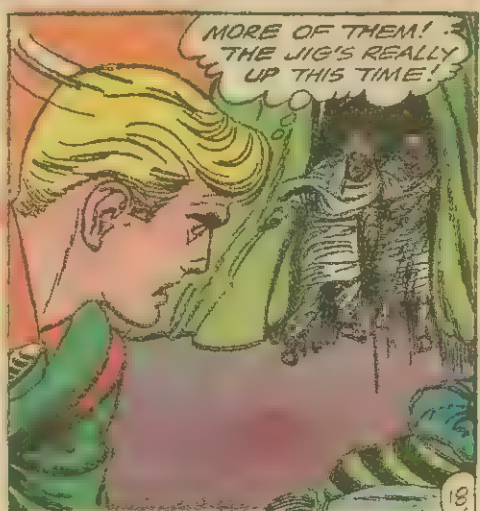
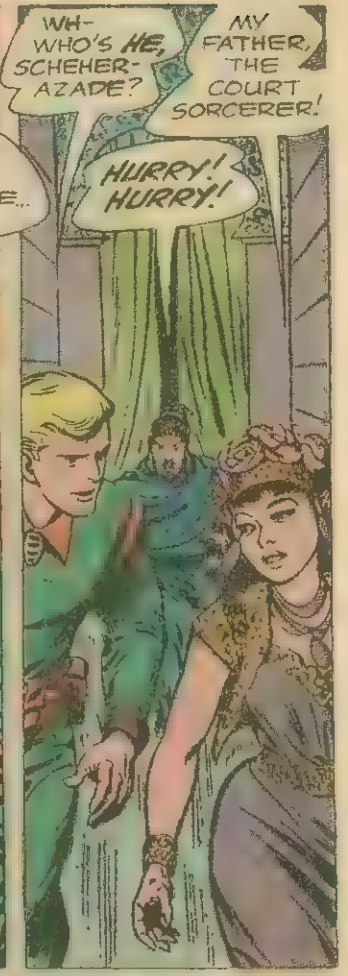

I SEE IT SHALL TAKE MORE THAN ONE SOLDIER TO STOP YOU!
CLAP CLAP
CRASH
TEE-HEE! ISN'T HE WONDERFUL?


GREAT THUNDER! THE SULTAN'S SENDING HIS WHOLE ARMY AGAINST ME!

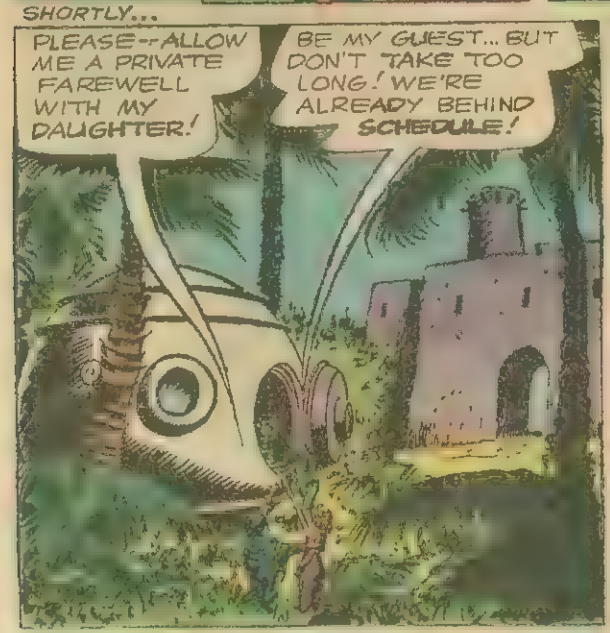

MORE OF THEM! THE JIG'S REALLY UP THIS TIME!

BUT, TO RIP'S AMAZEMENT...
Yiiii!
WHAT--? THEY'RE ALL FLOATING UP INTO THE AIR!

AND IN THAT SAME MOMENT...
HURRY! WITH MY MAGIC BRANCH, I HAVE GIVEN YOU YOUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE! YOU, TOO, SCHEHERAZADE.. IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY ALIGHT!

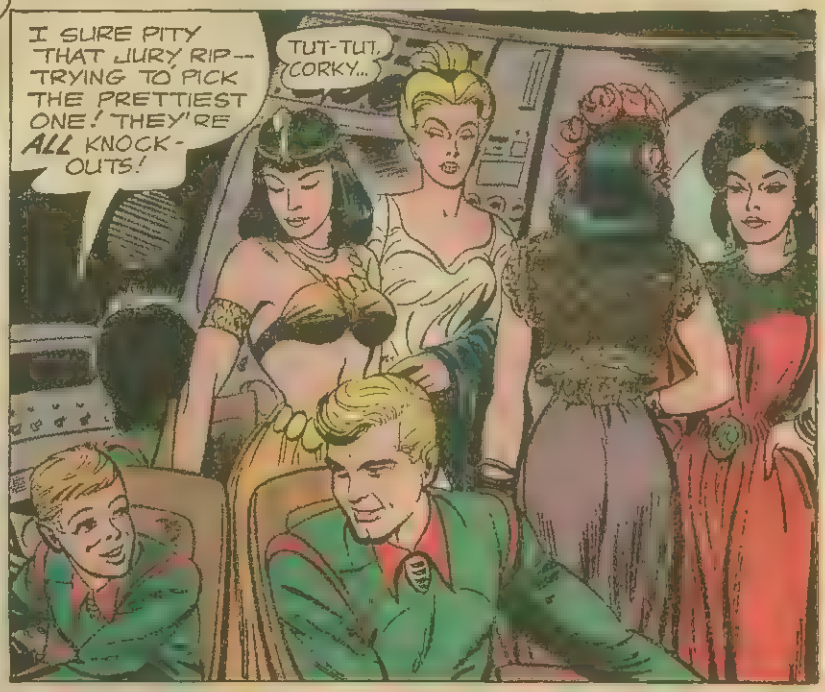

WH-WHO'S HE, SCHEHER-AZADE?
MY FATHER, THE COURT SORCERER!
HURRY! HURRY!

SHORTLY...


PLEASE--ALLOW ME A PRIVATE FAREWELL WITH MY DAUGHTER!
BE MY GUEST... BUT DON'T TAKE TOO LONG! WE'RE ALREADY BEHIND SCHEDULE!

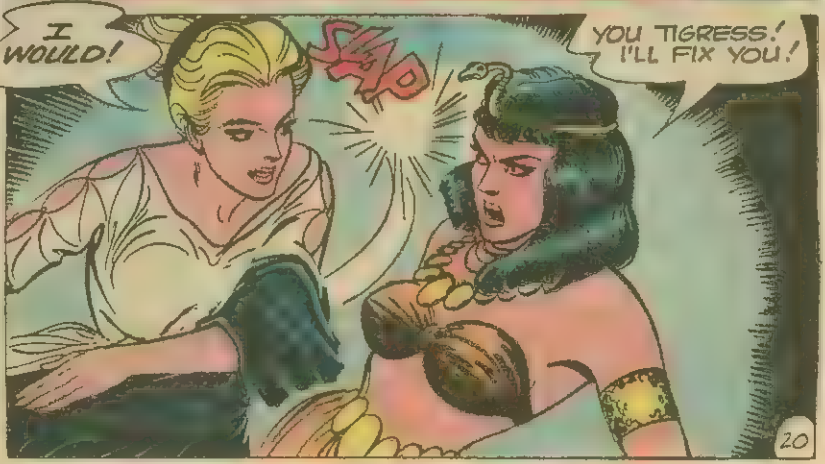
SSHHH... CARRY THIS POWDER ALONG, SCHEHERAZADE! AT THE MOMENT BEFORE THE JUDGING, SPRINKLE SOME OVER YOURSELF!
WHAT WILL THAT DO PAPA?

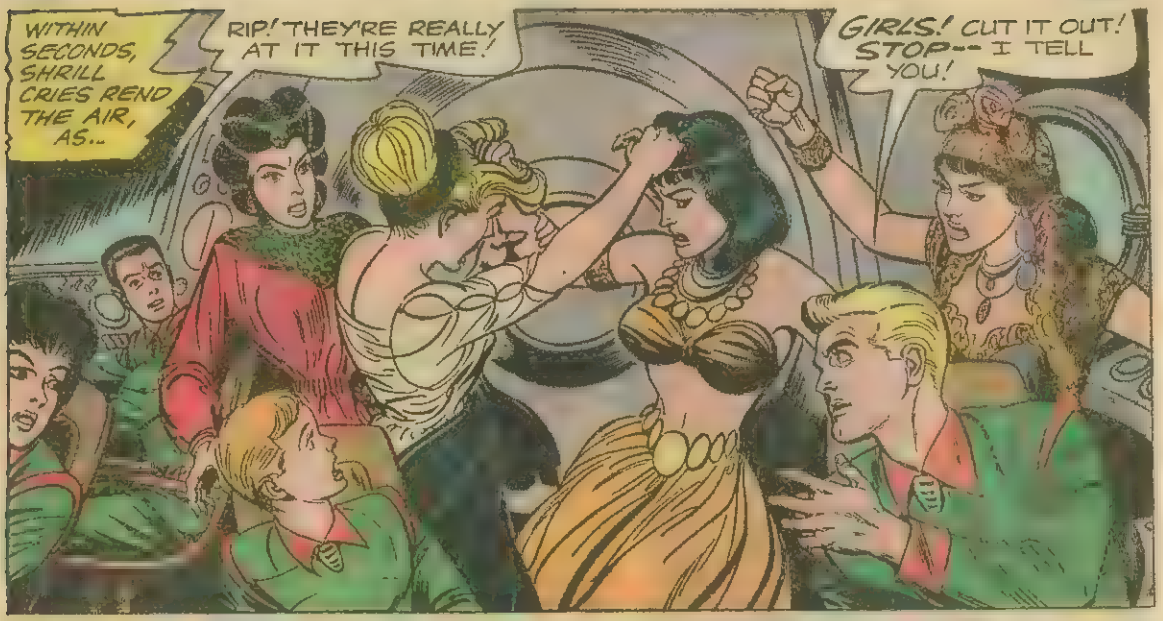
HEE, HEE! TO ANY MAN, IT WILL MAKE YOU APPEAR AS THE MOST DAZZLINGLY BEAUTIFUL GIRL THAT EVER LIVED!
OH, THANK YOU, PAPA! BYE-BYE!

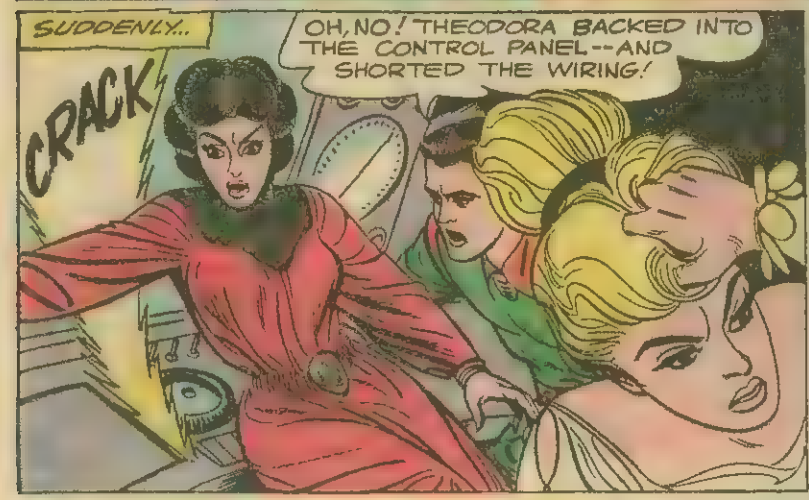

AND SO, AS THE TIME SPHERE FINALLY HEADS HOME-WARD WITH ITS BEVY OF BEAUTIES...
I SURE PITY THAT JURY RIP-- TRYING TO PICK THE PRETTIEST ONE! THEY'RE ALL KNOCK-OUTS!
TUT-TUT, CORKY...

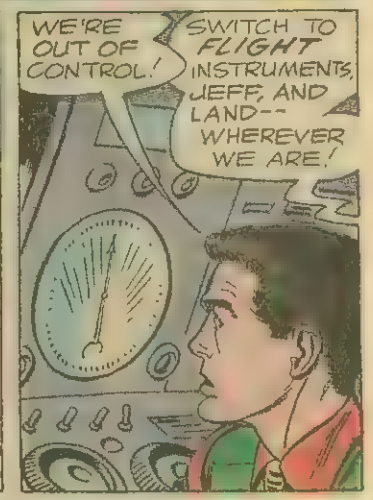
...YOUR REMARK SHOWS WHAT A CHILD YOU REALLY ARE! A GROWN MAN COULD EASILY DETECT THAT THEIR BEAUTY IS ONLY CHEAP MAKE-UP!

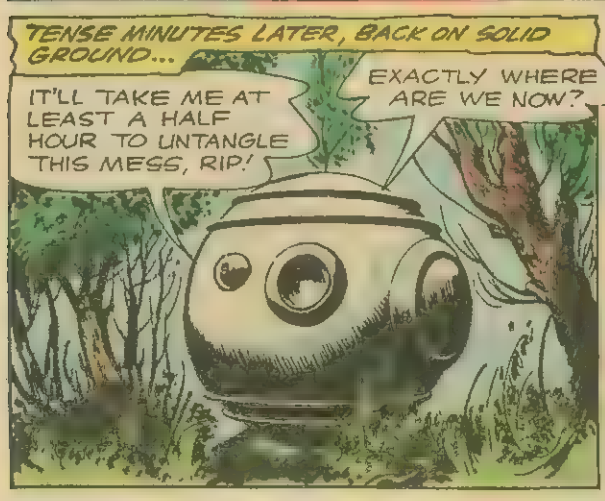
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANY-ONE, CLEO-PATRA! WE ALL KNOW HOW EXPERT THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE AT MAKE-UP!
OH, REALLY? PER-HAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TRY AND WIPE MINE OFF!

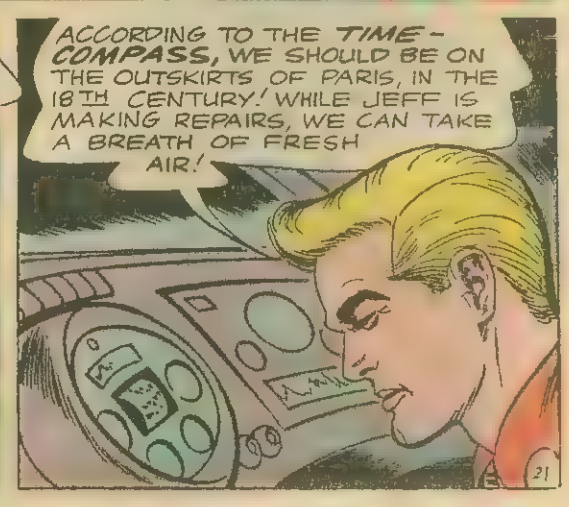

I WOULD!
SLAP
YOU TIGRESS! I'LL FIX YOU!

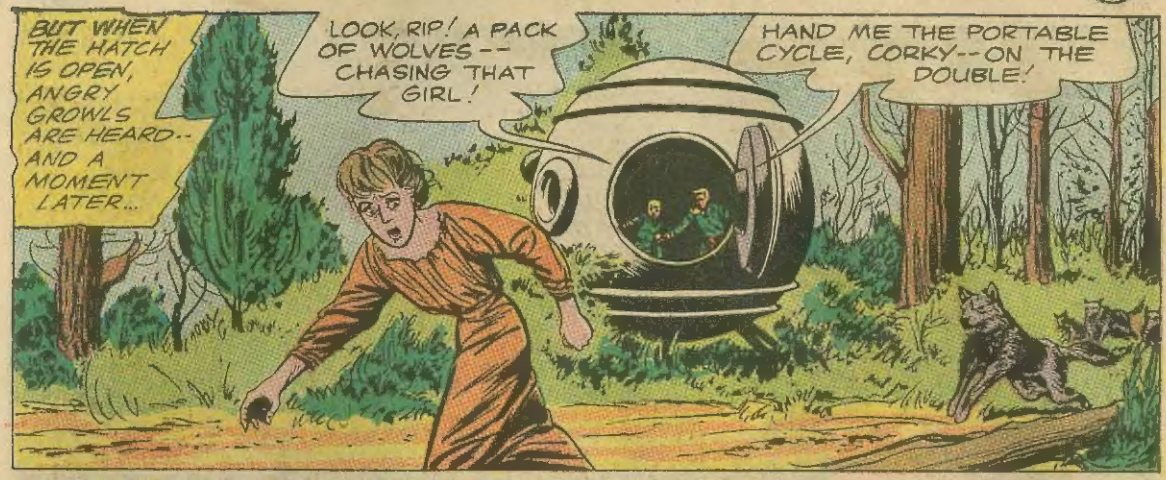

WITHIN SECONDS, SHRILL CRIES REND THE AIR, AS...
RIP! THEY'RE REALLY AT IT THIS TIME!
GIRLS! CUT IT OUT! STOP-- I TELL YOU!


SUDDENLY..
CRACK
OH, NO! THEODORA BACKED INTO THE CONTROL PANEL--AND SHORTED THE WIRING!


WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL!
SWITCH TO FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS, JEFF, AND LAND-- WHEREVER WE ARE!


TENSE MINUTES LATER, BACK ON SOLID GROUND...
IT'LL TAKE ME AT LEAST A HALF HOUR TO UNTANGLE THIS MESS, RIP!
EXACTLY WHERE ARE WE NOW?


ACCORDING TO THE TIME-COMPASS, WE SHOULD BE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PARIS, IN THE 18TH CENTURY! WHILE JEFF IS MAKING REPAIRS, WE CAN TAKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!


BUT WHEN THE HATCH IS OPEN, ANGRY GROWLS ARE HEARD-- AND A MOMENT LATER...
LOOK, RIP! A PACK OF WOLVES -- CHASING THAT GIRL!
HAND ME THE PORTABLE CYCLE, CORKY--ON THE DOUBLE!

AND SOON BEGINS A LIFE-AND-DEATH CHASE...
FASTER, RIP-- FASTER!

AFTER A FINAL BURST OF SPEED...
HOLD ON, HONEY!

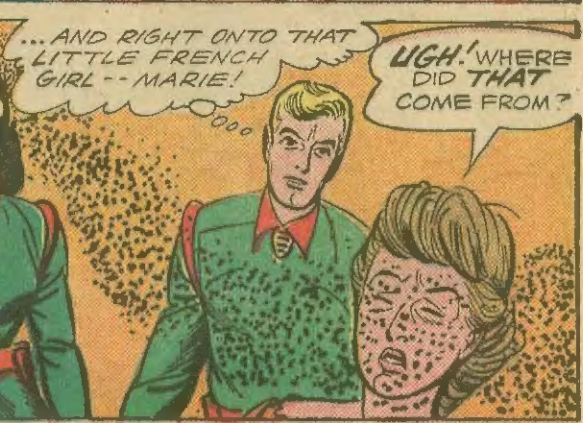
AFTERWARD, BACK IN THE TIME SPHERE...
DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO GO INTO THE WOODS ALONE, YOUNG LADY?
SIGH! WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO MARIE, THE POOR, UGLY MILLINER'S APPRENTICE? WHO CARES IF I LIVE OR DIE?

GOSH, RIP--IF WE LEAVE HER HERE, SHE'LL ONLY DO IT AGAIN!
HMM--YOU'RE RIGHT, BONNIE! WE'LL TAKE HER ALONG, SO WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HER -- AND MAYBE CHEER HER UP A BIT!

AND AS THE TIME TRIP RESUMES...
POOR CHILD, DO NOT DESPAIR! AFTER ALL, NOT EVERY-BODY CAN BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS I AM!
HMPH!... WHO WOULD WANT TO BE?
SHE'S STARTING TROUBLE AGAIN, RIP!
CLEOPATRA--ONE MORE NASTY CRACK OUT OF YOU, AND I'LL SEND YOU RIGHT BACK TO EGYPT!
BEFORE LONG..
WE'RE HOME, RIP!
FINE! PARK THE TIME SPHERE WHERE IT'LL BE SAFE -- THEN WE'LL TAKE CABS TO THE STUDIO!
BACK IN HOLLYWOOD, PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETED FOR THE MOST SENSATIONAL BEAUTY CONTEST IN HISTORY...
OKAY, MISS CLEOPATRA, MISS HELEN OF TROY-- AND THE REST... UP ON THE PLATFORM WITH YOU!
AND WHEN LIZ TRAYMORE ARRIVES FROM THE SET...
ARE YOU NUTS, B.B.? HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO BEAT THAT KIND OF TALENT?
DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD, SWEETHEART! THE JURY'S BEEN FIXED TO PICK YOU!

NOW, AS HISTORY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN LINE UP...
THE JUDGES ARE READY... NOW IS THE TIME TO USE THE BEAUTY POWDER THAT MY FATHER GAVE ME!
HMM... WHAT'S SCHEHERAZADE UP TO?

AS SHE YANKS OUT HER POUCH...
EEEK!
UH-OH... A GUST OF WIND BLEW THE POWDER AWAY...


...AND RIGHT ONTO THAT LITTLE FRENCH GIRL -- MARIE!
UGH! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

BEFORE THE QUESTION CAN BE ANSWERED...
GOOD GRIEF! LOOK AT THAT ONE!... A LIVING DOLL!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS PRETTY!
AH-H... I GET IT!

WE ELECT MARIE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF THE AGES!
WHAT?? YOU'RE A BUNCH OF CROOKS! I BRIBED YOU WITH GOOD MONEY -- TO PICK LIZ TRAYMORE!

WHEW! I'LL SAY THAT LITTLE MARIE IS A DOLL!

YOU, TOO, JEFF? GOODNESS, WHAT'S COME OVER ALL THESE MEN, RIP?

HA, HA! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, BONNIE! RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT TO RESCUE MARIE!

YOU LITTLE FAKER! I'LL TELL EVERYONE HOW YOU WON THIS CONTEST!

NO YOU WON'T, SCHEHERAZADE, UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO REVEAL HOW YOU ALMOST WON! COME ON, GIRLS... IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

AND SO, AS THE TIME SPHERE BEGINS ITS RETURN TRIP THROUGH THE AGES...

TEE-HEE! THOSE RAVISHING BEAUTIES AREN'T IN MUCH OF A FIGHTING MOOD ANYMORE!

YES-- I'M AFRAID LITTLE MARIE HAS TAKEN ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF THEM, BONNIE!

The End

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